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The House met at 10 a.m.

The Chaplain, Rev. James David Ford, D.D., offered the following prayer:

As the night brings the myriad stars to view and the day is warmed by the Sun, we are witnesses to the marvels of Your creation, O God, and the beauty of every living thing. In this world You have created the challenges and choices that are before Your people each day. May Your good Spirit, O gracious God, that points us in the way and heals us from all guilt and transgression, encourage us to make those choices that advance the cause of justice and promote the presence of virtue. May Your strong hand, that created the order of the heavens and the wonders of the Earth, guide, guard, and gird each person along the daily path. In Your name, we pray. Amen.

### THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

Mr. LAHOOD. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to clause 1, rule I, I demand a vote on agreeing to the Speaker's approval of the Journal.

The SPEAKER. The question is on the Chair's approval of the Journal.

The question was taken; and the Speaker announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

Mr. LAHOOD. Mr. Speaker, I object to the vote on the ground that a quorum is not present and make the point of order that a quorum is not present.

The SPEAKER. Pursuant to the provisions of clause 5 of rule I, further proceedings on this question will be postponed.

The point of no quorum is considered withdrawn.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentlewoman from Washington [Ms. DUNN] come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. DUNN of Washington led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

### MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Mr. Lundregan, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate had passed without amendment bills, a joint resolution, and a concurrent resolution of the House of the following titles:

H.R. 1772. An act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to acquire certain interests in the Waihee Marsh for inclusion in the Oahu National Wildlife Refuge Complex;

H.R. 2909. An act to amend the Silvio O. Conte National Fish and Wildlife Refuge Act to provide that the Secretary of the Interior may acquire lands for purposes of that Act only by donation or exchange, or otherwise with the consent of the owner of the lands;

H.R. 3676. An act to amend title 18, United States Code, to clarify the intent of Congress with respect to the Federal carjacking prohibition;

H.R. 3802. An act to amend section 552 of title 5, United States Code, popularly known as the Freedom of Information Act, to provide for public access to information in an electronic format, and for other purposes;

H.J. Res. 191. Joint resolution to confer honorary citizenship of the United States on Agnes Gonxha Bojaxhiu, also known as Mother Teresa; and

H. Con. Res. 120. Concurrent resolution supporting the independence and sovereignty of Ukraine and the progress of its political and economic reforms.

The message also announced that the Senate agrees to the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendments of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 3675) "An act making appropriations

for the Department of Transportation and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1997, and for other purposes."

The message also announced that the Senate has passed bills of the following titles in which the concurrence of the House is requested:

S. 982. An act to protect the national information infrastructure, and for other purposes;

S. 1090. An act to amend section 552 of title 5, United States Code (commonly known as the Freedom of Information Act), to provide for public access to information in an electronic format, and for other purposes;

S. 2006. An act to clarify the intent of Congress with respect to the Federal carjacking prohibition; and

S. 2007. An act to clarify the intent of Congress with respect to the Federal carjacking prohibition.

### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. INGLIS of South Carolina). The Chair will entertain ten 1-minutes on each side.

### REFORM THE IRS

(Ms. DUNN of Washington asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. DUNN of Washington. Mr. Speaker, today I would like to present you with a clear and convincing contrast of two visions for America: The Republican vision and the Democrat vision.

First, the Democrat vision:

In Monday's Washington Post my good friend, the gentleman from New York, CHARLIE RANGEL, the House Ways and Means Democrat in line to become chairman of the committee if the Democrats pull off a miracle, defended the IRS and said, "We have the best and fairest tax collection system in the world."

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